# WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY



#### WARNING OF DANGER

By Site siren, Emergency Services, Company Representative or local radio. If it safe to do so, check that your neighbours have heard it.

#### GO IN Go indoors.

Do not collect your children from school, they will be properly cared for.

# STAY IN



Switch off ventilation fans, aircon units and all sources of ignition, including gas and electrical heating appliances. Block incoming draughts and close windows. Do not light matches or naked flames. Do not smoke. Stay in rooms facing away the site. Stay calm and rest.

# **TUNE IN**



Follow the instructions given by the Emergency Services or Company Representative and listen to the radio. Do not use the phone to contact the company, keep their lines free for emergency use.

# ALL CLEAR



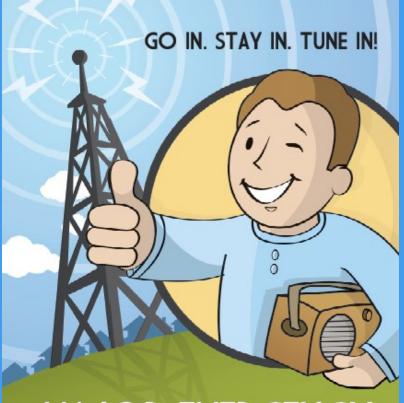
Wait inside until the all clear is given or you are given other advice. Messages giving the all clear will be issued by the Emergency Services, Company Representative or local radio.



Local Radio Stations: BBC Radio Manchester 95.1 & 104.6 FM Dee (Chester) 106.3 FM Hits Radio (Manchester and North West) 103 FM



# **Byley** SITE



# **HW COATES LTD**

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#### **KEEPING YOU INFORMED**

Dear Resident/Business Owner

This booklet contains important information about H.W.COATES and is part of a process of keeping you informed—it does not imply any increased risk to the public.

*Please read it carefully and familiarise yourself with the actions you should take in the event of an emergency.* 

Keep this booklet in a safe place. The information on the rear cover reminds you of the actions you should take in the unlikely event of any of the emergencies described below occurring.

#### INTRODUCTION

H.W.COATES are subject to the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015 (commonly referred to as COMAH) for the storage of hazardous chemicals and have notified the Health and Safety Executive and the Environment Agency accordingly.

# **COMAH Regulations**

The COMAH Regulations aim to prevent major accidents occurring involving dangerous substances and in the unlikely event that one did occur, aim to limit their consequences to people and the environment. In summary they require site operators, where quantities of potentially dangerous substances are present to;

- Complete detailed health, safety and environmental risk assessments and reduce the risks to as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP)
- Inform their neighbours of the nature and hazards of these substances and give advice on emergency response
- Draw up and regularly test detailed emergency plans in conjunction with the Emergency Services to deal with a fire or other emergencies on their sites

Joint Cheshire Emergency Planning Team works closely with the site and Emergency Responders. The Emergency Planning Team has prepared a H.W.COATES Byley External Emergency Plan which coordinates the response to major accidents (*accidents which could have the potential to affect the local community and the environment*).

# HOW YOU WILL BE WARNED AND BE KEPT INFORMED

Arrangements have been made with local radio stations to interrupt normal programmes to issue an emergency warning to people in the event of an incident. Local radio stations will be used to keep you briefed on any emergency situation through regular bulletins.

# ACTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE IF AN INCIDENT OCCURS

The advice in this booklet lists the actions you should take if an incident occurs. Please read this information carefully and talk to your family/employees about it. Please keep it in a safe place and don't forget to leave it behind for the next occupier should you move house. For your own safety your are advised to co-operate with any instructions made by the Emergency Services or H.W.COATES staff at the time of an incident.



# **Byley SITE ACTIVITIES**

H.W.COATES Byley is a storage facility for goods including hazardous chemicals. There is no manufacturing, formulation or hazardous processing carried out by H.W.COATES.

Byley is an 'Upper Tier' COMAH site.

The Hazardous chemicals are stored in specifically designated warehouses on the site according to HSG71—Chemical Warehousing, The Storage of Packaged Dangerous Substances.

Deliveries are received from all over the world in denominations from singles boxes to full lorry loads in a variety of means including shipping containers, curtain sided and tilt trailers. The products are despatched using similar methods.

# **SUBSTANCES**

Under the COMAH Regulations the site holds a range substances that fall within one or more of the following categories;

Very Toxic, Toxic, Highly Flammable, Flammable, Aerosols, Organic Peroxides, Oxidising and Dangerous for the Environment

All of these products arrive in 'UN approved containers'.

There are no explosives or radioactive materials stored or transported.

# **MAJOR ACCIDENT HAZARDS**

H.W.COATES are committed to ensuring the Health, Safety and Welfare of our employees and all others who may be affected by our operations—including our neighbours. This is reflected in the Major Accident Prevention Policy (MAPP) and Integrated Safety Management System. H.W.COATES management are accountable for ensuring adequate training and competency assessment of their staff—including regular practicing of both Internal and External Emergency Plans.

In the unlikely event of a major incident (e.g. Fire, Explosion or Toxic release) H.W.COATES internal emergency response teams will work with the Local Authority, Emergency Services and other relevant agencies (e.g. Environment Agency) to minimise the effects on both people, property and the environment.

# SITE SIRENS

A Major Emergency will result in the activation of the H.W.COATES Emergency Siren (this is a Claxon which emits a constant tone that can be heard beyond the site boundary). Monthly testing of the Emergency Siren occurs for a period of 30 seconds.